

MILITARY PLANS OF BALL PLAYERS PLEASE MACON

Southern Training City Pledges Support to Huston's Yankee Soldiers

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Ban Johnson, president of the American League, left last night after a long day for Chicago to assume charge of the military plans of his four Western clubs. Captain T. L. Huston, of the Yankees, will supervise the campaign for the Eastern division.

"The captain and myself," said Mr. Johnson, "have mapped out a course of action within the last few days that is bound to show great results."

"The American League club owners have not entered into this thing in an spirit of levity. All have pledged their heartiest cooperation. A great deal of the success of the venture now rests with the players. But I am sure that our club owners and managers can outdo the great physical and moral advantages in a way that will appeal to the sense of pride and loyalty of their followers."

"You will understand, of course," Mr. Johnson continued, "that we have no thought of making the military course compulsory. We would not have the power or right to do so if we chose. But we can make it an object for the boys to go in with in the spirit with which their associates have fallen in with Captain Huston's plan. I think I know my American League players well enough to prophesy that there will not be a bit of lagging in any of the eight spring camps."

Army Officials Pleased

High officials of the United States army have congratulated the American League on its hearty endorsement of the scheme for military training by the players. The city of Macdon, Ga., where the Yankees will train, appears unusually enthusiastic. Well wishing citizens of that place have not only pledged whatever military equipment may be necessary from the militia, but promise to interest other more competent of the townfolk to attend the drills.

In order to make arrangements for military instruction at all eight American League training camps, Captain Huston cancelled a trip to Dover Hall. He will devote the rest of the week before his team leaves for the South to the welfare of his Eastern associates of the American League.

"Our point has not been brought out clearly in the published stories of the proposed military training for the American League ball players," said Captain Huston yesterday. "We want to have a fine body of physically fitted young men ready to assume the positions of commissioned officers that their intelligence and quick wit would justify after about a month of training. But feel that an example of patriotism from a band of young men so highly regarded in the public mind could not fail to have a far-reaching influence in all branches of society. It is in case this country in the future should be really menaced by a foreign power."

"We believe that the people of the Southern cities where American League clubs will train will cooperate in every possible manner. It is quite as easy for a competent drill master to teach military tactics to several hundred men as it is to teach a small squad. We count on the draft on Class A. school in maneuvers to join hands with the ball players. The advantages will be mutually profitable."

Plan Trophies for Drills

That the American League club owners and all are most serious in planning military drills to be continued throughout the playing season and that at a preliminary general camp somewhere in the South immediately after the world series could not be doubted after a talk with Mr. Johnson. The president of the American League would not say whether or not any form of mercenary lure would be provided. It would not be at all surprising, however, if Mr. Johnson's club owners would contribute to a military fund some percentage of gate receipts of certain special days toward covering actual expenses of their men and to provide trophies for military competition on certain state occasions throughout the season.

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The drafting season has been set back from September 1 to September 20, and draft rules will not be announced until after the close of the minor league seasons. It will be optional with minor league club owners whether drafted players report to the drafting clubs before the close of the season. The commission has granted the minor leagues representation on a new board to hear disputes which involve the interests of both major and minor league clubs.

2,000 DOGS READY FOR WESTMINSTER SHOW AT GARDEN

Forty-first Annual Bench Fixture Opens To-day—Entry List Large

It was arrival day for the dog show at Madison Square Garden yesterday. Some 1,200 animals were brought from points as distant as Washington, D. C., and London, Ontario, and this morning there will be nearly 2,000 dogs on their benches. The dog show, which is the forty-first annual fixture of the Westminster Kennel Club, will open at 10 o'clock and judging will begin promptly at 10:30.

There were not so many dog owners on hand, although H. K. Bloodgood, Tyler Morse, who said he was working to make the Point Judith Kennel Club a success, and A. McClure Halley appeared. The placing and management of the dogs preliminary to the opening of the show is entrusted by the owners to their trainers or managers, and every handler of note in the country was to be found at the old building. As an indication of the importance of this end of the dog game there were over 200 underkeepers at work.

The first foxhounds to arrive were Major Wardworth's Genesee Valley pack of twenty-five couples. They were in charge of George Poole, the hunterman, an Englishman, who was formerly hunterman of the West Surrey stag-hounds under Sir David Evans. Percy Roberts arrived with the entries of Otto W. Lehman, of Chicago, and said that his employer would attend the show on Wednesday. In the string were four champions—Chesney Crack-shot, a greyhound; Surprise of Paignton, a smooth fox terrier; Cherry Circle, an Airedale, and Wally Colgirl, a J. J. Lynn arrived with twenty-one American bred wire-coated fox terriers. He had taken the dogs three days, owing to storms, to make the journey from Port Huron, Mich.

Many men fond of sports as well as dog show, the competition among American bred, wire-coated fox terriers will be the keenest this year ever seen at the Garden.

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CORNELL CREW TO MEET YALE AT NEW HAVEN

The crew authorities of Cornell and Yale universities have agreed upon a dual regatta, to be rowed at New Haven, Saturday May 19. It is understood that the distance will be about two miles and the course laid upon the Housatonic River near Derby.

In addition to this race, Cornell will meet Princeton at Cayuga Lake May 26, and also compete in the Interstate Regatta at Poughkeepsie on June 21.

New Orleans Results

FIRST RACE—For two-year-olds maidens; purse \$100. Three and a half furlongs. Flash, 104 (Holliman) 1; 2, 105-6-1; 3, 106-7-2; 4, 107-8-3; 5, 108-9-4; 6, 109-10-5; 7, 110-11-6; 8, 111-12-7; 9, 112-13-8; 10, 113-14-9; 11, 114-15-10; 12, 115-16-11; 13, 116-17-12; 14, 117-18-13; 15, 118-19-14; 16, 119-20-15; 17, 120-21-16; 18, 121-22-17; 19, 122-23-18; 20, 123-24-19; 21, 124-25-20; 22, 125-26-21; 23, 126-27-22; 24, 127-28-23; 25, 128-29-24; 26, 129-30-25; 27, 130-31-26; 28, 131-32-27; 29, 132-33-28; 30, 133-34-29; 31, 134-35-30; 32, 135-36-31; 33, 136-37-32; 34, 137-38-33; 35, 138-39-34; 36, 139-40-35; 37, 140-41-36; 38, 141-42-37; 39, 142-43-38; 40, 143-44-39; 41, 144-45-40; 42, 145-46-41; 43, 146-47-42; 44, 147-48-43; 45, 148-49-44; 46, 149-50-45; 47, 150-51-46; 48, 151-52-47; 49, 152-53-48; 50, 153-54-49; 51, 154-55-50; 52, 155-56-51; 53, 156-57-52; 54, 157-58-53; 55, 158-59-54; 56, 159-60-55; 57, 160-61-56; 58, 161-62-57; 59, 162-63-58; 60, 163-64-59; 61, 164-65-60; 62, 165-66-61; 63, 166-67-62; 64, 167-68-63; 65, 168-69-64; 66, 169-70-65; 67, 170-71-66; 68, 171-72-67; 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